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WHEN INSECTS INVADE HOME QUICK ACTION IS ADVISABLE

When the homemaker finds herself playing the unwilling hostess to numbers of hungry insects, the more quickly she does something about it, the better. Many large families are the rule with insects.

In waging war on the insects that come into the kitchen there are two anti-insect preparations that will be helpful over and over again, according to _____ (Name), _____ (Title), _____ (Institution). One is poisonous sodium fluoride powder. Another is one of the kerosene-pyrethrum sprays common on the market. _____ (Name) points out some of the ways of using these two remedies suggested by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

For ants, one of the most persistent of kitchen pests, sprinkle sodium fluoride around window sills, drain-boards, foundations, and other places where the ants crawl, but not where it will interfere with housekeeping operations. If this drives the ants away it is a cheap and easy way to control them. But it is poisonous to man and should be used carefully, kept out of food and away from children and pets.

The ideal way to kill ants, of course, is to find the colony where the queen and the young ants are, then to destroy that. But when the colony is not to be found or is inaccessible, try sodium-fluoride powder first. If that doesn't work it'll be necessary to resort to poison baits made up to suit the taste preferences of the ants.

In the meantime, until these remedies take effect, keep ants off tables, refrigerators, and other movable furniture by wrapping poison ant tapes around

the furniture legs, or by setting the furniture legs into shallow dishes with a little kerosene in them. Kerosene-pyrethrum spray will kill the ants it actually hits.

Sodium-fluoride powder is also the best all-round remedy for cockroaches. Because cockroaches hide during the day and come out to forage at night, spread the powder around with a duster or small bellows in the evening. Put it back of shelving, drain-boards, and into hiding places. Leave it there for 2 or 3 days. Repeat the application after a week or two. Two or three thorough dustings usually will be enough. Kerosene-pyrethrum spray will kill all the cockroaches that it hits. But since roaches are fast on their feet, it must be sprayed into their hiding places to do much good.

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